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Indians in the Board of Examiners in the Madras veterinary college.

574 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Indian has ever been appointed to the Board of Examiners in the Madras veterinary college during the past ten years;

(*b*) if not, the reasons for the exclusion of Indians from the board;

(*c*) the qualifications prescribed for the examiners;

(*d*) whether the Madras Government has any control in the matter of appointment of the Board of Examiners for the veterinary college; and

(*e*) if so, whether they ever considered the question of appointing a qualified Indian as one of the examiners?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Examiners throughout India have hitherto been Imperial Officers. No Indian in Madras occupied this position till recently.

(*c*) No qualifications have been 'prescribed' for examiners.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The question is under consideration.

Minimum prescribed for students of the veterinary college.

575 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the present high percentage of marks required for passing the annual examinations affects the admission of students to the veterinary college;

(*b*) whether the minimum number of marks required for passing the annual examination was 35 per cent in each of the subjects;

(*c*) whether this 35 per cent was increased to 45 per cent;

(*d*) if so, when and on what grounds; and

(*e*) whether the minimum prescribed for students of the Medical College and similar institutions is only 33 per cent?

A.—(*a*) The Government are not aware that the percentage of marks prescribed for examinations in any way affects the admission.

(*b*) The minimum ranged from 20 to 50 per cent.

(*c*) & (*d*) A uniform percentage of 45 was fixed in 1917 on the recommendation of the Board of Examiners on the ground that the system of making the pass mark as low as 20 per cent in some subjects while a 50 per cent of total was required was unsatisfactory both from the point of view of the examiner and the examined.

(*e*) The minimum prescribed for the Medical College student varies from 33⅓ to 50 per cent. The pass marks at the Forest College are as high as 50 per cent for the Honours Certificate and Ranger Higher Certificate and they are 40 per cent in some subjects and 50 per cent in others for the Ranger Lower Certificate. Fifty per cent of marks are required for a pass for the First examination in Engineering and Bachelor of Engineering Degree examination.